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Westside Salmon Announcement 23

Emergency Order 27

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding commercial fishing in the Nushagak District. This is Westside salmon announcement number 23 issued Tuesday, July 2 at 3:00 p.m.

The cumulative Wood River sockeye salmon escapement at 6:00 a.m. was 887,000, Igushik River escapement is 173,000. The Nushagak River sockeye salmon escapement through July 1 was 725,000; the king salmon escapement was 71,778. There are 346 permits registered to fish in the Nushagak District. The commercial harvest yesterday was 112,000 sockeye salmon, making the cumulative harvest 2.2 million.

As previously announced, commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Nushagak District will close at 7:00 p.m. July 2. Commercial fishing will reopen with drift gillnets in the Nushagak District for 10 hours; from 10:00 p.m. July 2 until 8:00 a.m. July 3, and again for 8 hours from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. July 3.

As previously announced, the areas closed in response to the sinking of the tender in the Igushik River are open. Fishermen in the vicinity of the Igushik River should be aware of the potential for the situation to change and monitor their harvest for any indication of contamination.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham.

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